

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2494 - SB 2657

February 11, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows either parent to request a custody arrangement that alternates the primary residential custody of a child with the child residing with each parent for a period of no less than six months at a time. The bill would apply to all standing and future custody orders. The court may deviate from such an order if clear and convincing evidence shows that such custody arrangement places the child in danger of severe harm.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 Recurring
\$125,800 One-Time**

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures- \$244,200 One-Time

Assumes provisions of the bill will require changes to the child support guidelines and the Tennessee Child Support Enforcement System to accommodate the tracking of this type of joint custody to allow for enforcement of the child support obligation that is due from the non-custodial parent. Also, assumes an increase in state expenditures exceeding \$100,000 to the court system for additional hearing regarding custody.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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